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Sir:

Further to the Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) of July 19, 2002, enclosed

is a copy of a Search Report issued on November 6, 2002 (i.e., not more than three months ago) in European Appln. No. 97920117.5 (i.e., a related patent application). The documents cited therein have already been made of record on Form PTO-1449.

Applicants respectfully request consideration of this IDS under Rule 97(c). The Search Report was first cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a related application not more than three months ago. No fee is due.

This Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) is intended to be in full compliance with the rules, but should the Examiner find any part of its required content to have been omitted, prompt notice to that effect is earnestly solicited, along with additional time under 37 CFR § 1.97(f), to enable Applicants to comply fully.

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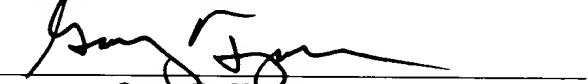
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Consideration of the foregoing and enclosures, as well as the return of a copy of the Form PTO-1449 with the Examiner's initials per MPEP § 609, are earnestly solicited. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned if further information is needed.

Respectfully submitted,

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